Hydrological survey by West German Agency

3423. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Agency of West Germany has recently conducted hydrological studies in various States of India, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what are the findings of such surveys with respect to Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Financial assistances from the International Development Association for drinking water

3424. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Development Association has recently decided to provide technical and financial assistance for locating as well as boosting ground water resources in various States of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the States which have been selected for the above purpose and the amount of financial assistance to be provided to each selected States;

(c) what is the procedure for getting IDA aids for projects for providing potable water in rural areas affected by drought or scarcity; and

(d) whether Gujarat State is likely to get any such aid during this year with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) While there is no project posed to the IDA specifically for providing technical & financial assistance for locating wells and boosting ground water resources in India. IDA assistance is being given for the projects detailed below:—

1. U.P. Tubewells Project: Cr. US $ 101 Million

2. West Bengal Minor Irrigation Project: Cr. US $ 99 Million

3. Bihar Public Tube Wells Project: Recently IDA has agreed to provide assistance of US $ 63 million.

(c) The State Government has to approach the Department of Economic Affairs and the Administrative Ministry with the details of the project and has also to make adequate budgetary provision for the project funding. There is no special procedure for IDA aid for projects providing potable water in rural areas affected by drought or scarcity.

(d) There is an on-going IDA assisted Project in Gujarat being implemented by Gujarat Water Supply and Sewerage Board which covers 365 villages and will augment the water supply in 5 towns. The cost of the project is Rs. 137.5 crores and IDA has provided an assistance of $ 72 Million.

Subletting of quarters

3425. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 331 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th August, 1986 and state:

(a) what action has been taken against those 21 employees against whom cases for subletting of quarters were at various stages of consideration;

(b) how much penalty has been imposed;

(c) whether any disciplinary action has been taken against them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?